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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: INDONESIAN ICCS CONTINGENT

1. JANUARY 10 DEFENSE ATTACHE AND POLITICAL COUSELOR CALLED ON GENERAL SUHUD, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE AT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY, FOR TOUR D'HORIZON AND TO ELICIT HIS REACTIONS TO A NUMBER OF INTERNAL INDONESIAN MATTERS.

2. SUHUD QUICKLY TURNED CONVERSATION TO VIETNAM AND, VOICING HIS STANDARD COMPLAINT, SAID HE MUST WARN US ONCE MORE THAT GVN AND ARVN WERE NOT FIGHTING THE POLITICAL WAR IN THE RIGHT WAY (DEPT AND SAIGON PLEASE SEE JAKARTA 3847 AND 4043 AND SAKAGON 5360 NOTAL). HE SAID INDONESIA TOOK A DISTINCTLY LESS OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF PROSPECTS IN SVN THAN DID HIS AMERICAN INTERLOCUTORS DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON.

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3. IN REPLY, POL COUNSELOR FIRST ACKNOWLEDGED REPUTATION OF INDONESIAN ARMY FOR GOOD DOCTRINE AND REAL SKILL AT FORGING POPULAR BASE BUT SAID THAT WHATEVER EFFICIENCIES

SUHUD MIGHT ATTRIBUTE TO GVN AND ARVN IN POLITICAL AREA, BOTH WERE MORE THAN HOLDING THEIR OWN AND HAD NOT FALLEN APART OVER PAST YEAR DURING WHICH SUHUD WAS PREDICTING DOOM. SUHUD ACKNOWLEDGED POINT BUT SAID HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THAT INDONESIANS WERE STILL PESSIMISTIC ABOUT LONG-TERM PROSPECTS.

4. SUHUD THEN SAID THAT PLANNING WAS UNDERWAY FOR RELIEF SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY, 1974, OF INDONESIAN ICCS CONTINGENT AND THAT PRESENT FORCE (290) WOULD PROBABLY BE REPLACED BY FORCE OF ONLY 200. COUNSELOR, EXPRESSING SOME DISMAY AND HOPE THAT HE HAD MISUNDERSTOOD, ASKED IF GENERAL MEANT 290 WOULD COME OUT AND ONLY 200 GO BACK. WHEN GENERAL SAID GOI WAS CURRENTLY PLANNING ALONG THESE LINES, COUNSELOR REMINDED HIM THAT PARIS AGREEMENTS CALLED FOR NATIONAL CONTINGENTS OF 290 AND EXPRESSED HOPE GOI PLAN NOTSINAL. SUHUD SAID HE REALIZED THAT GOI COULD NOT CHANGE SIZE OF CONTINGENT UNILATERALLY AND WOULD CONSULT US BEFORE TAKING FINAL ACTION. HE REPEATED THAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT CURRENT PLANNING.

5. COUNSELOR AUQED SUHUD FOR GOI RATIONAL FOR PLANNED REDUCTION, NOTING THAT IT NOT ONLY AT VARIANCE WITH TERMS OF PARIS AGREEMENTS BUT DISTURBINGLY IN LINE WITH COMMUNIST DESIRE TO REDUCE EFFECTIVENESS OF ICCS. SUHUD SAID GOI'S PLAN WAS TO PULL OUT PEOPLE WHO WERE IDLE IN SAIGON -- ABOUT 90 -- AND THAT STRENGTH OF THE FIELD DETACHMENTS WOULD NOT BE REDUCED. SUHUD ADDED THAT COST WAS ANOTHER CONSIDERATION. HE SAID GOI IN PAYING ITS 2 PERCENT ASSESSMENT WAS ACTUALLY PAYING MORE THAN DRV, WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO PAY 23 PERCENT BUT ACTUALLY PAID LITTLE OR NOTHING. COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT WHILE DRV AND ESPECIALLY PRG SERIOUSLY IN ARREARS, THEY HAD ALREADY PAID AMOUNTS SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER THAN INDONESIA. SUHUD ACKNOWLEDGED ON REFLECTION THAT THIS PERHAPS TRUE BUT SAID COST FACTOR NONETHELESS WORRISOME.

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6. RECALLING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, SUHUD SAID THAT HE HAD DETECTED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOD, WHICH AGREED WITH HIM THAT PARIS AGREEMENTS HAD RECOGNIZED PRG, AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WHICH DID NOT RECOGNIZE PRG. SUHUD SAID WE SHOULD FACE FACT THAT THERE WERE THREE VIETNAMS: DRV, GVN AND PRG. POL COUNSELOR EXPLAINED THAT NO RPWT NO PART OF USG THOUGHT THE PARIS AGREEMENTS "RECOGNIZED" PRG AND REMINDED HIM THAT IN DRAFTING

AND SIGNING CEREMONIES, ELABORATE STEPS HAD BEEN  
TAKEN TO PRECLUDE ANY BASIS FOR ALLEGING THAT PRG HAD  
BEEN "RECOGNIZED."

7. COMMENT: WE WILL KEEP AFTER GOI TO KEEP US INFORMED  
ON ITS PLANS RE ICCS CONTINGENT AND MAKE ALL APPROPRIATE  
AND USEFUL REPRESENTATIONS. WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS WE  
SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL KEY FOREIGN DEPARTMENT  
OFFICIALS OF OUR CONCERN AND SEEK INFO ON LATEST GOI  
PLANNING RE ICCS.  
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